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COMMENTS ON THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM PROGRESS REPORT, PHASE I VADOSE ZONE REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES, SITE 24, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has completed the review of the above subject report (Progress Report), dated June 1999. The Progress Report describes start-up and testing activities that were conducted during late April 1999 through May 1999.

On page 2-1, the Progress Report notes that "[s]ampling and monitoring was conducted as prescribed in the draft Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) and the SEOR." However, the tabular data and the graphical data reported in the Progress Report do not include the daily wellhead readings proposed in Table 5-3: Sampling and Monitoring Schedule on page 5-15 of the SEOR. In addition, the weekly groundwater level monitoring is also missing from the Progress Report. DTSC requests that the missing operating parameters be reported in the next progress report.

DTSC continues to value the opportunity to comment on the various on-going activities and events that shape the remediation of Site 24, and to work cooperatively towards the eventual cleanup of the site. If you have any questions, please call me at (714) 484-5418.

Sincerely,

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